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SUBJECT: GUINEA RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECT IN REHABILITATION

REF: A. STATE A-3190, APRIL 22, 1974

B. STATE 125099, JUNE 13, 1974

C. CONAKRY 0616, APRIL 26, 1974

1. EMBASSY WISHES TO KNOW IF HEW STILL INTERESTED IN POTENTIAL REHABILITATION PROJECT IN GUINEA.

2. CONDE SIDI-MOHAMED, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL ASSISTANCE, MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS, APPROACHED EMBASSY MAY 28 IN FOLLOW-UP ON VISIT BY JAMES BURRESS TO CONAKRY AUGUST 8-13, 1974. THE DIRECTOR SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THE EMBASSY PROVIDE TWO TRAVEL GRANTS TO ATTEND THE SEVENTH WORLD CONGRESS OF THE WORLD FEDERATION OF THE DEAF TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON JULY 31-AUGUST 8, 1975. HE PROPOSES TO TAKE THIS OCCASION TO DISCUSS WITH HEW THE SPECIFICS OF A HEALTH PROJECT FOR BLIND AND DEAF CHILDREN AND WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INSPECT REHABILITATION FACILITIES IN THE UNITED STATES.

3. AS SRS AWARE, FOLLOWING VISIT TO CONAKRY LAST YEAR BY DR. JAMES BURRESS, EMBASSY SKEPTICAL THAT ANY SRS PROGRAM IN GUINEA THAT RELIES EXCLUSIVELY ON EXCESS FOREIGN CURRENCIES COULD GET OFF GROUND. CONSEQUENTLY, BEFORE

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ACTING ON MR. SIDE-MOHAMED'S TRAVEL REQUEST, THE EMBASSY

WISHES TO KNOW WHETHER HEW HAS AT ITS DISPOSAL OTHER
CONVERTIBLE EXCESS CURRENCIES WHICH WOULD BE USED FOR
PROGRAMMING IN GUINEA, OR, IF THE PROGRAM MUST BE FINANCED
SOLELY IN NATIONAL CURRENCY.

4. DOES HEW HAVE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST WITH TWO TRAVEL
GRANTS REQUESTED? IF SO, EMBASSY PERHAPS IN POSITION ASSIST
ALSO, USING EXCHANGE-VISIT "SPECIALIST" GRANT. REQUEST
ADVICE OF HEW/SRS ON UTILITY OF GUINEAN ATTENDANCE AT WORLD
FEDERATION OF DEAF CONFERENCE, AND ON ANY FOLLOW-UP SRS IN
POSITION TO MAKE.
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